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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT GEISEL

REF: BRASILIA 2523

1. MOST MAJOR DAILIES REPORTED APRIL 1 STATEMENT BY FOREIGN
MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN CONFIRMING FACT THAT PRESIDENT
GEISEL HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER BUT
ADDING THAT RELEASE OF ITS CONTENTS REQUIRES THE APPROVAL
OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. JORNAL DO BRASIL, CITING A
"MINISTER OF STATE," CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD MADE
A FORMAL INVITATION TO GEISEL TO VISIT, WITH DATE TO BE
DETERMINED. THIS REPORT ADDED THAT GEISEL WAS SATISFIED
WITH THE TERMS OF THE LATEST LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER, SINCE IT HAD INCREASED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT IT WILL
BE POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME DIVERGENCES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS.
O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO APRIL 1 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE HAD IN FACT CONSULTED THE U.S. EMBASSY ON THE
POSSIBILITY OF RELEASING THE LETTER BUT THAT, AS
FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN HAD STATED, ITS RELEASE

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WOULD REQUIRE "A GREEN LIGHT FROM THE US EMBASSY."
BY WAY OF BACKGROUNDER IN THE SAME ARTICLE, O ESTADO
CLAIMED BEFORE EXISTENCE OF LETTER BECAME KNOWN,
GEISEL HAD NOT INTENDED EVEN TO MAKE KNOWN THAT HE
HAD RECEIVED IT. BUT GEISEL SUPPOSEDLY MENTIONED
THE LETTER TO LEADERS OF ARENA WITH WHOM HE MET
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS POLITICAL CRISIS.

FOLLOWING THIS MEETING NEWS OF THE LETTER HAD
CIRCULATED IN CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES, THUS REACHING THE
FRONT PAGES OF SOME NEWSPAPERS.

2. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, THE CARTER-GEISEL LETTER PROPOSES
NOTHING UNUSUAL IN TERMS OF POLITICAL POSITION, BUT
RECOGNIZES EXISTING DIFFERENCES AND UPHOLDS DIALOGUE
AS THE ONLY WAY TO FIND COMMON SOLUTIONS. O ESTADO
NOTES THAT LETTER DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY SPECIFIC
INVITATION TO GEISEL TO VISIT TO THE US. CONTINUING BY
CITING CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, O ESTADO SAYS CARTER
LETTER IS CORDIAL BUT IT DOES NOT EXPRESS ANY
"MAGIC FORMULA" ABLE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS IN THE
RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. TIMING AND INTENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER
HAS BECOME SUBJECT OF SPECULATION OF PRESS AND POLITICAL
CIRCLES, MUCH OF IT SPRINGING FROM POPULAR NOTION
HERE THAT OPPOSITION MDB HAS RECEIVED SPECIAL
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS POLICIES.
POLITICAL GOSSIP COLUMN IN JORNAL DE BRASILIA REPORTS
ARENA SECRETARY GENERAL NELSON MARCHESON AS HAVING
TOLD MDB DEPUTY THAT LETTER MEANS "MDB HAS LOST ITS
HONORARY PRESIDENT." MDB DEPUTY QUOTED AS REPLYING
THAT "JIMMY CARTER WAS NEVER OUR BATTLE FLAG--POLITICAL
REFORMS ARE." EMBASSY POLITICAL ASSISTANT IN
CONVERSATION WITH GROUP OF MDB LEGISLATORS REPORTED
SIMILAR FACETIOUS COMMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
PRESIDENT'S LETTER MEANS MDB HAS "LOST ITS BATTLE
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